Strengthening of Khadi and Village Industries

4272. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES .AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a package to strengthen the Khadi and Village Industries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the date since when it has come in operation;

(d) whether the rebate policy has also been restructured; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) The Government of India announced a package for Khadi and Village Industries Sector on 14.05.2001, with the prime objectives of creating more jobs in rural areas and empowering women and backward classes in India. The salient features of the package consist of Rebate Policy for five years, options of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MD A), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital. Under the proposed Rebate/MDA Policy which would continue for five years, the Special Rebate period has been staggered and number of days has been enhanced from 90 days in a yearto 108 days. .

Plan to Establish SSI in North-Eastern States

4273. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES bepleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has made any study and plan to establish small scale and agro based rural industries in North-Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details of concrete plans for each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Units in the Small Scale and Agro based rural industries m the country are established by private entrepreneurs. The Central Government supplement the efforts of the State Government/UTs through various schemes/